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LB 628

Senator Cullan, I intend to spend some time tonight developing a series of amendments for 628 to conform with your wishes for budgets and others. I would like to have the bill here in the morning so that we can work on it. Obviously it is the most important bill we have and I think that we should stay right with it until we get done. So I would hope the body would support at least six of the committee members and not advance this bill. As I indicated, I did not know we were going to take it up and I do not know why that was changed and I have no criticism of that but, nevertheless, I was not aware of it and I am prepared to speak on the appropriations tomorrow morning in whatever depth you or anyone else would like to have done.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator Fowler, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR FOWLER: I guess I would like to raise a point of order as to whether or not Senator Cullan's motion is even in order. Since LB 628 was laid over and I think would be effectively removed from the agenda, I think his motion to suspend the rules is after the time that it should have been. It was filed after the time or brought up after the time it should have been brought up. It seems to me that once the introducers say that they do not want the motion to be taken up, the bill is laid over and is off the agenda at that time. So I think Senator Cullan's motion is out of order.

SPEAKER NICHOL: I would say that his motion is in order since even though the committee voted otherwise, it was my understanding that a motion to suspend the rules is in order almost any time with the exception of after a motion for adjournment or something of that nature.

SENATOR FOWLER: I wouldn't move to overrule the Speaker's decision but I think it does set a precedent for all the times that kill motions are filed. I mean the thrust of the idea is that the introducer should be able to lay it over and have control of the bill and I think once that decision is made to move the bill to the next day's agenda that Senator Cullan's motion would not be in order. So I would ask you to think one more time about it in terms of its precedence but I wouldn't move to overrule your decision.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Excuse me, did you say you would not move to....